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Weather Indications.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Forecast till 8 p. m. Sunday: For Kansas—Fair until morning; occasional showers Sunday afternoon or night; southerly shifting to westerly winds; cooler Sunday evening.

If we can't have an April shower even a cloud burst might be acceptable.

The biggest hotel in New York has "busted." Chicago is "doing" her sure enough.

These Kansas zephyrs make the women bow low to them and command "Hats off" to the men.

SOMEBODY who writes on the Wichita Eagle is fonder of big words in the wrong place than a colored street corner politician.

THE household expenses of the American people will be increased just \$40,000,000 by the Wilson bill duty on sugar. Oh, these Democrats are reformers.

THE Oakland, California, brigade of the industrial army is proceeding to Washington by forced marches; each march being enforced by the public authorities.

WHEN Coxe's good road bill comes up the first thing the committee ought to do, should be to come and take a look at the cracked pavements on Kansas avenue.

PERHAPS when Mr. Homestead Frick allows his coke workers enough pay so that they won't have to eat dogmeat, they will cease to strike and become worthy American citizens.

OF course it is perfectly absurd for the government to spend money in extirpating the Russian thistle, but it isn't absurd at all for it to introduce reindeer in Alaska and it's doing it.

THE editorials in the Pennsylvania papers are all against the Hungarian coke workers strike. They have a powerful effect with everybody but the coke workers, who don't read them.

SENATOR PEPPER tried hard in his speech yesterday to shake off his protection notions. You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will, but the scent of the roses will cling to it still.

WE hear of many "improvements" at the state institutions (chiefly written and mailed to the newspapers by the superintendents of those institutions) but the first one is yet to report that it has substituted butter for oleomargarine.

A SCANDAL as bad as Breckinridge's couldn't keep Grover Cleveland out of the presidential chair, and Breckinridge may yet be returned to congress. You can't always tell how the Democrats are going to take these things.

JUDGE JENKINS says that the employees of a railroad in the hands of receivers are officers of the court and can not strike any more than the receivers can. Probably they wouldn't want to if they were getting as much as the receivers; \$18,000 to \$25,000 a year.

COXEY's army was welcomed into Pittsburg by 100,000 people who cheered so vociferously that it is said that "such a demonstration was never before witnessed in history." It is also noticeable that the tone of the editorials in the Pittsburg papers the following day were quite conciliatory. Coxe must have made a great hit in Pittsburg.

HOCH ON TOPEKA.

Ed. W. Hoch, in his preliminary talk at the league convention this week, expressed a most kindly and cordial feeling for Topeka. These are his words in response to Mayor Harrison's greeting: "As loyal Kansans we are proud of our state capital; proud of its broad streets and happy homes; proud of our capital, which we wish was completed and which will be. We are proud of Topeka's business enterprise; proud of her bank clearings which exceed, relatively, those of any city in the country; proud of your churches and your schools, the character and number of your business enterprises; proud of your laboring men who are too busy and have too much sense to add recruits to any Coxe army; proud of your orators that are always in demand. We are proud of all your institutions. We thought once of moving the state capital to Marion, but

we have concluded to let it remain here. It is the only capital in the United States that is not disgraced by an open saloon. We are proud of this (applause) and most of all we are proud of your magnificent Republican majorities which are the consequence of all the things I have mentioned. They all go hand in hand. Mr. Mayor, I accept your cordial greeting in the name of the Republicans of Kansas assembled here, and assure you the police force will not have to be increased because of this convention."

A YEAR AGO.

It has been said by some who were uninformed and have not known Ed Hoch intimately that his remarkable letter announcing his candidacy detailed new ideas not heretofore held by him. Ed Hoch's letter is in entire harmony with his whole political life. It will be a year tomorrow since he wrote a letter to a citizen of Topeka expressing the same sentiments which he expresses now. The following is the letter in question:

Mr. J. H. Beatty, Topeka, Kan.

MY DEAR SIR: Pardon my failure to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of March 15, prophetic gubernatorial. I never was an office seeker, and never want to be, and hence cannot allow myself to think seriously of the contingency you suggest. I have only one ambition in life—to do my duty, as that duty comes to me from day to day. As I cannot anticipate duty, so I cannot anticipate office. I have no patience with political scoundrels. The success of Republican principles is of infinitely more importance than the success of men, and this fact must be kept uppermost in our party councils if we would win. But thanks for your interest in me.

Yours cordially,

E. W. HOCH.

Marion, Kan., April 8, 1893.

KANSAS PARAGRAPHS.

The citizens of Riley have petitioned the commissioners to have the town incorporated.

Enterprise is the first town to start the season with a straight out and out ice cream social.

The Osborne News predicts that 20,000 acres will be broken in Osborne county this spring and all of it put in crops.

The reason no sensational report ever proceeds from Hutchinson is that the people always take things with a grain of salt.

Winfield girls are so engaging that a Wellington young man who visited that town forgot all about his train and had to walk home.

A Mr. Hammock died at Windom the other day. It is thought the prospect of a long summer campaign, and a dual life was too much for him.

A Mankato man has discovered a sure cure for the tobacco habit. He should be locked up as soon as possible before he has a chance to spread his insidious remedy.

The men of Gaylord have become so accustomed to have one barber pull their noses and scald their faces that nineteen others who have tried to locate there had to leave.

A Manhattan druggist has placed a big iron girder in front of his store. So many men with heavy loads on passed over the threshold that safety demanded such a move.

An aronaut is to leap off of the Parsons standpipe, which is 160 feet high, into a six foot water tank, today. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

The Osage county jail at Lyndon was burned last week. It was the first time in their lives that the two bootleggers confined in it thoroughly appreciated the virtues of water.

Woman's rights seem to be making headway at Wichita in spite of the Eagle. A woman was before the police court the other day on the complaint of a man who said she swore at him.

The Gazette says the girls in Lawrence have a new craze; that of begging the boys' neckties and using them for head rests. It was the general impression that the practice of using neckties for headrests was an old and time-honored custom.

Wellington Mail: Kansas is a great evener, and generally adjusts things about right in its own good time. After blowing all the dust between here and Hunsell up to Wichita, the wind whirled to the north this morning and blew it all back again.

El Dorado Republican: And now comes the Cleveland postoffice department with an order that El Dorado shall hereafter be spelled Eldorado—lower case d. The impudence of this is exasperating. El Dorado is spelled with a capital D, and will continue to be spelled that way regardless of the senseless order of Bissell.

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BRAINS OUT OF TUNE.

LIGHTS AND SHADOWS OF THE "ON TO WASHINGTON" EXPEDITION.

Singular Features Concerning Coxe and His Band—Evidence of Minds "Jangled and Out of Tune"—The "Paragorical Panorama"—The Great Unknown.

[Special Correspondence.]

PITTSBURG, April 5.—Coxey's "On to Washington" procession of a handful of tramps and some scores of newspaper reporters which began on Easter Sunday at Massillon, O., has undoubtedly furnished the most extraordinary spectacle of the present day. It has been accompanied by very many amusing incidents, and if it were not for the fact that the whole scheme possesses a serious, not to say dangerous, side there would be nothing about it that is not laughable. There are probably but two sane men connected with the leadership of the expedition. Mr. Coxe himself is evident-



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ly a lunatic and very likely a very dangerous one. He is far more dangerous than Carl Browne, his chief marshal, for Browne gives visible evidence of being insane, while to the superficial observer Coxe seems to be rational. He is of a singularly engaging and cheerful make-up, not prone to indulge in extravagant talk, neat in person and in dress, and what he says on any subject is likely to receive respectful attention. The fact that for years he has been counted a successful business man has added weight to his propositions and has had all to do with whatever countenance his scheme has received from sensible persons.

Need of Better Roads.

There is nothing extravagantly ridiculous about his notions regarding the wagon roads of the country. In fact, no person of sense disagrees with his contention that first class roads are essential to the thorough development of the business and social possibilities of the United States. No one denies either that if the government were to build the roads and begin now vast numbers of men at present unemployed would have plenty of work to do. Coxe's plan of raising the money to pay for the work by the issuing of millions of fiat currency seems the height of folly to some, but is not at all objectionable to those who hold that a reserve of gold or silver is not needed as a guarantee of the genuineness of the nation's circulating medium. If Mr. Coxe had confined his efforts to the propagation of these two ideas, he would undoubtedly have secured—in fact, he has already secured—the adherence of a very large number of earnest and in the main sensible persons.

It was probably the joining of Carl Browne's fortunes with his that switched Coxe upon the track which has developed the preposterous procession of tramps that began on Easter Sunday. Browne is crazy. I cannot understand how any one can talk with him as I have done repeatedly during the present remarkable parade of ne'er do wells without agreeing with me in this conclusion. One look at the impossible pictures and sacrilegious mottoes which are held aloft on poles by the tramps who are following Coxe would permanently confirm this opinion. It would require the most commanding genius and the most vivid imagination to fabricate a story of more fantastic doings and sayings than are the deeds and words of the Coxe contingent.

Saviors of Sacrilege.

Who but a crazy man could have conceived the notion of making an outline portrait of Coxe, labeling it "The Cerebrum of Christ" and sticking it on a pole to be carried as a sort of advance banner? The cognate of this preposterous banner among the score or more borne along by the shambling "spinks" who have been following Coxe through the mud of Ohio bears a picture of Browne, also produced by himself and labeled the "Cerebellum of Christ." In conversation Browne sometimes exhibits as plainly as he did when he made the banners that his mind is unbalanced, and when he makes a public address he always does. His speeches are the mudiest sort of hodgepodge of Christianity and the doctrine of the reincarnation of the soul that it has ever been the lot of any one to listen to. The general tenor of what he says may be apprehended from the fact that he states with solemn earnestness his belief that Mr. Coxe's soul is largely a reincarnation of the soul of Jesus Christ, and that he (Browne) is also possessed of a portion of the divine soul, although in a lesser degree than Coxe.

Coxe's sympathizers along the route have daily filled up the notebooks of the correspondents with stories of prominent men who have intended to join, but who have most invariably failed to materialize. The secretary of a political organization in Canton, O., did join, and so did one or two members of a militia company located at that town. One of the most interesting recruits who entered the ranks at Alliance was John Thrum, whose one eye and whiskers made him a marked man. He had letters of endorsement from two or three Populist papers, and his intelligence was far above the average of the Coxe men. A

singular character was William Andrews, who also came from west of the Mississippi and enrolled himself at Canton. The warden of the workhouse there, which stood just across the street from the Coxe camp, saw that Andrews was not supplied with a good overcoat, and that his hat was ventilated by the removal of the entire crown, so he gave Andrews an old rain coat that barely missed dragging the ground, so long was it, and a high hat with a high weed. When Andrews had donned these articles of apparel, he looked a little way off like a dude clad in the height of fashion, although his stylish clothes were indeed a bit rusty. When he had pinned upon his manly chest a large yellow flower, he was the most extraordinary looking creature of the organization.

Sensible Men Driven Away.

How many men of comparative good sense Browne's blasphemous lunacy has driven away from the Coxe standard it would be impossible to say. I have personal knowledge of a score or more of honest workmen who have not had employment for months who intended to join the march, but gave it up upon seeing Browne's banners and his personal uncleanness and listening to his illogical addresses.

The weather was so cold at the beginning and the arrangements for comfortable sleeping so utterly inadequate that it is a wonder that any, even the most toughened tramp, could find it in his heart to continue on the march. The discomforts, however, did not include short rations even at the start. The forger of the party, a lank ex-cowboy, dubbed Oklahoma Sam, found no difficulty any day in securing from persons living near the encampment of the previous night a larger quantity of substantial provisions than Coxe's tramps could eat. The most exaggerated ideas of the size and splendor of the procession were found daily by correspondents who drove on ahead to obtain among the farmers along the route. One patriarchal agriculturist near Salem, O., asked eagerly of a carriage load of newspaper men:

"How many bands have they got? What kind of uniforms do they wear? When do they show the pictures of the panorama?"

A Lucid Explanation.

The panorama to which the farmer referred, by the way, is the most impossible thing that the mind of man ever conceived or the hand of man ever executed. It may be best described in the words of an awestricken tramp who said:

"That there panorama is a serious of paragorical paintings showing how we downriggered workingmen are kept down in the mud by the pus pond plutocrats. That there man Browne," he went on, "is a great man to use big words, but he ain't got half so much sense as the 'Great Unknown.'"

The mention of the "Great Unknown" brings to mind the one strong man of the whole outfit. At the present writing no one knows who he is, though possibly his identity will have been discovered by the time this letter sees the light. He certainly has a genius for commanding men. No one without it could have maintained the remarkable discipline which he possessed over the Coxe men during the early part of the expedition. He was well dressed in military fashion, he rode and walked and gave his commands in true military style, and whenever he directed a commonwealer to do anything it was done with the alacrity that is born of abject terror. It is not apparent what the poor wretches were afraid of, for the man never threatened and never used profane language, but there was in his tones that peculiar note that means "I am to be obeyed."

Keeps His Own Counsel.

Louis Smith was the name he gave to the correspondents, with the statement that that was not his name, and all sorts of conjectures became rife at once as to what and who he is. One correspondent



CARL BROWNE.

dubbed him Major Corns, on the basis that probably Smith was a corn doctor who hoped to get advance advertising enough out of the Coxe trip to sell his pedal remedy in great quantities after the trip is over. Later the correspondent renounced that view of it. Perhaps the most improbable speculation as to the "Great Unknown's" identity is the one that makes him out an agent of the nihilists. Whatever he is and whoever he is, he is certainly decidedly sane and perfectly able to take care of himself and to keep his own counsel.

What will be the ultimate outcome of Coxe's advance to the Potomac? Who can predict? If any considerable number of bona fide unemployed workmen join the parade, it will be strange if they do not force the tramps who began with Coxe to fall out by the wayside. If the increase of tramps concludes as it began, Mr. Coxe may find it impossible, even with assistance of the unknown Smith, to keep order, and there may be trouble of a most deplorable sort. Coxe himself sees that and saw it as early as the second day of his progress. On that day he said to me very seriously: "I should be perfectly satisfied if not another person joined the commonweal. We can handle this crowd without trouble, and I believe the effect of 100 men marching to Washington will be just as great upon the public mind as if there were 10,000."

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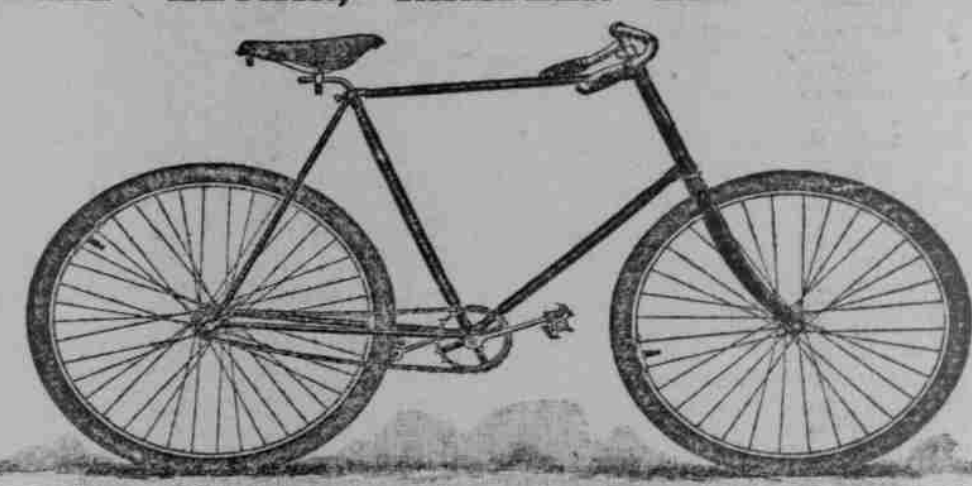
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